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1. On 1 August 1952, a Chinese Communist army supply point and an office of the Railroad Security Department were at approximately 125-46, 38-29 (YC-4163). Stationed there were more than 100 Chinese Communist troops equipped with 30 Soviet rifles and 10 trucks, and 40 members of the Railroad Security Department equipped with 20 PPSH's, pistols, and 3 wagons. About 15 times a month, 10 trucks transported munitions from P'yongyang to this supply point at night.
2. In early September the headquarters of the Chinese Communist 42 Division was at approximately 125-21, 39-39 (YD-025905).¹ One battalion, which was at approximately 125-16, 39-35 (XD-9484), had the mission of liberating the UN-held islands adjacent to the coast and particularly in the vicinity of XD-4948. Troops of this battalion guarded a large supply depot at XD-949845 and were equipped with 2 heavy machine guns, 16 light machine guns, 521 rifles, 11 semi-automatic rifles or sub-machine guns, and 2,500 hand-grenades. Supplies stored at the depot included 4 x 120-mm. (sic) flat trajectory guns with 92 shells in 23 boxes; 8 x 82-mm. mortars with 240 shells in 40 boxes; 13 x 60-mm. mortars with 360 shells in 30 boxes; 9 anti-aircraft guns with 50 boxes of shells; 20 anti-tank guns with 1,200 rounds of ammunition in 20 boxes; 300 Soviet-made rubber boats packed in 10 boxes; 130 bags of cleaned rice; and 70 bags of flour. These supplies were stored in bunkers covered with earth and logs camouflaged with grass. Attached to the battalion were 26 Soviet trucks, 2 jeeps, and 4 boats.

1. Comment. In early September 1952, carried the 150 Division, 50 Army, in this area.

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